



SWCC NEWS & NOTES

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SWA Preparedness Level: **2** (08/25/09) | National Preparedness Level: **2** (9/08/09)

DATE	TIME * (MDT)	DISP. CTR.	NEWS OR NOTE
9/08	1200	NM-SWC	Effective immediately the National Preparedness Level has been lowered to Level 2. The majority of large fires have been contained and the few that remain continue to make good progress toward meeting containment objectives. The initial attack work load continues to be light with good availability of National Resources and no competition among Geographic Areas. Incident Management Team commitment is minimal and limited to one Geographic Area. Significant fire potential should remain low to moderate over most of the West the next few days due to recent rainfall, the lack of dry lightning, and absence of prolonged hot, dry weather. While the West will be warming and drying this week, no ignition triggers such as dry lightning is expected.
9/04	1015	NM-ABC	Jaralosa Fire, NM State - Albuquerque District, 2,000 acres, started 9/03, located 45 miles south/southwest of Gallup, NM (34 44 36 x 109 01 40). Fire is burning in pinon/juniper. Local resources committed (including BIA-Zuni Agency).
9/02	0930	NM-SWC	Quiet in SWCC this morning. No major activity and little resource movement. No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued for today. Year-to-date resources assigned .
8/31	1600	AZ-PHC	Water Wheel Fire: acreage still being reported at 500, evacuations still in effect for Whispering Pines and Wagon Wheel, about 500 residences.
8/31	1400	NM-SWC	Effective immediately the National Preparedness Level has been elevated to Level 3. Large fire occurrence has increased in California, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain, and the Southwest Geographic Areas involving the commitment of additional Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams. Support to large fires and initial attack in the aforementioned Areas is requiring a significant commitment of national resources, in particular T1 IHCs. The outlook calls for continued hot, dry weather in California, the Great Basin, and Arizona. Given the current forecast, sustained activity and resource commitment is expected to continue at least through the end of the week.
8/31	1000	NM-SWC	Other than Water Wheel Fire, quiet in SWCC. No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued for today in the SWA. 18 T1 Crews to CA and 1 to UT (see SIT300 Crews).
8/31	0930	AZ-PHC	Reported start: Water Wheel Fire, Tonto NF, 500 acres, located 6-8 miles north of Payson, AZ (34 20 59 x 111 17 08). Communities of Whispering Pines and Beaver Valley threatened... some evacuations have taken place. Type 2 (Sciaccia, IC) will take over this morning. Crews and air resources have been ordered.
8/28	1400	AZ-SDC	Bear Springs, 50 acres. No additional intell at this time.
8/28	1000	AZ-SDC	Reported start: Bear Springs, BIA-Fort Apache Agency, 40 acres, lightning caused, located in an inaccessible area (33 59 51 x 110 05 31). One Type 1 crew ordered.
8/27	0945	NM-SWC	Ten additional Type 1 Interagency Hotshot crews have received orders to Southern California... six to the Big Meadow Fire at Yosemite Nat. Park, one to the Station Fire on the Angeles NF, one to the Morris Fire, and two to support (see SIT300 Crews). No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued for today in the SWA.
8/26	0945	NM-SWC	Five Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews have received orders to the Morris Fire, Angeles NF, Southern California (see SIT300 Crews). No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued for today in the SWA.
8/26	0930	NM-ADC	Two fires yesterday: Nogeezi Fire, BLM-Roswell District, 295 acres, located 25 miles east of Roswell, NM (33 37 46 x 103 45 43). Three Forks, BLM-Carlsbad District, 5 acres, located 25 miles west of Carlsbad, NM (32 22 27 x 104 46 02). Both fires are contained this morning.
8/25	0915	NM-SWC	SWA has bumped back to PL-2 effective today.
8/21	1030	AZ-SDC	Chevron Complex (USFS-Apache-Sitgreaves NF): Durfee Fire is at 6,000 acres. Inserting indirect line on the south side with plan to burnout and hold. No immediate threat to the KV line, but line remains in the fires path. Type 3 Management (Lever, IC). Objective has moved to full suppression. 2 helitankers, 1 Lead, 4 T1 Crews, 2 dozers, 4 T6 engines, and 2 air attacks. Weimer Fire is quiet and Crossing is contained. West Bull Flat Fire (BIA-Fort Apache Agency): 200 acres (170 on USFS-ASF and 30 on BIA-FTA). Low intensity burning. (Thomas, IC).
8/20	1615	AZ-SDC	Chevron Complex: Durfee Fire is making a little run. Air tanker and Type 1 crews requests coming through. Threat to power lines.

8/20	1000	NM-ABC	IMT3 on the Main Fire will be returning the fire back to the Forest on 8/21.
8/20	0930	NM-SWC	No new activity reported. National has bumped back to PL-2. No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued this morning.
8/19	1000	NM-SWC	Quiet this morning in SWCC with no new fire activity reported. No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued for today.
8/18	1800	NM-ADC	New start: Columbine Fire, BLM-Roswell District, 376 acres, located 20 miles north/northwest of Roswell, NM (33 40 07 x 104 45 37).
8/17	0915	AZ-FDC	Taylor Fire: 850 acres this morning, 0 percent contained. Some damage to KV powerline, but APS has re-rerouted lines to keep supply running.
8/16	0900	NM-SWC	Processing orders for Taylor Fire. Two air tankers, 12 T1 Crews, processed. Otherwise, no new fire activity reports. No Red Flag Warnings / Watches issued this morning.
8/16	1835	AZ-FDC	Taylor Fire: 500+ acres.
8/16	1300	AZ-FDC	Taylor Fire: ordering T2 IMT (Nelson, IC). Approx 80 acres and moving.
8/16	1130	AZ-FDC	New start: Taylor Fire, Coconino NF, Sycamore Canyon. Ordering T1 Helo and Air Attack.
8/15	1830	AZ-WDC	Trail Fire is now at 25 acres, 75% lined with some spots ahead of the fire. Largest spot is 2 acres. Expect to have the fire totally lined this evening. T-10 is being used to pick up the 2-acre spot.
8/15	1800	AZ-SDC	BIA-Ft. Apache Agency reports their biggest fire is at 3 acres and is 75% lined. It is inactive at this time. Helicopter conducting bucket drops on any hot spots.
8/15	1640	AZ-WDC	Trail Fire has ordered a Type 3 IMT. Ordered filled by Color Country's team.
8/15	1530	AZ-SDC	New starts: BIA-Fort Apache Agency is working three fires, West Bull Flat, Canyon Day 1, and Canyon Day 2. All total less than 10 acres. West Bull Flat is using Air Attack, 64H, and 1/2 of Fort Apache Hotshots. Canyon Day 1 & 2 are using the other half of Fort Apache Hotshots. (Submission courtesy of Show Low Dispatch Center)
8/15	1515	AZ-WDC	New start: Trail fire on Kaibab NF on north side of Grand Canyon. Estimated at 20 acres with southwest winds estimated 8-9 mph. Aerial resources on scene. Red Flags posted by National Weather Service for this area. (36 44 53N x 112 09 27W).
8/14	0930	NM-SWC	Quiet in SWCC this morning with no new activity reported. Some moisture moving through the northern portion of NM at this time. No RED FLAG warning/watches reported for today.
8/12	1932	AZ-CRD	Update: Diamond Bar 40-60 acres.
8/12	1845	NM-SFC	Working multiple initial attack fires within state land and Valles Calera National Preserve. Largest fire 3 acres with low growth potential. Local and neighboring resources responding.
8/12	1755	AZ-CRD	Update: Diamond Bar requesting SEAT from Las Vegas, NV.
8/12	1730	NM-SWC	Linda Johnson's Buying Team ordered for Texas 2009 Summer Wildfire Response.
8/12	1730	AZ-CRD	New start: Diamond Bar, located southeast of Iron Mountain (35 49 46 x 113 56 40). 5-10 acres, active fire behavior. Requesting T-23, Air Attack 9AB and H-109 out of Prescott. Local resources responding.
8/12	1715	AZ-PHC	Update: Tontozona Fire requesting 2 helitankers and 3 Hot Shot Crews.
8/12	1610	AZ-PHC	New start: Tontozona located near Camp Tontozona, (34 18 45 x 111 04 37), 1+ acre. Air attack and local resources responding.
8/11	0900	NM-SWC	Pat Dearing's Buying Team mobilized for Chevlon Complex.
8/11	0900	NM-SWC	Initial attack activity light for yesterday, 5 fires for 5,155 acres.
8/10	1620	NM-SWC	Prescott Tanker Base and Albuquerque Tanker Base are now open and operational.
8/10	0841	AZ-SDC	Nelson's Type 2 IMT mobilized for Chevlon Complex Fires on the Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Will assume command at 1000 today.
8/10	0841	NM-SWC	Light initial attack activity yesterday, 7 fires for 567 acres.

8/9	1600	AZ-FDC	Update: Reservoir Fire, very active fire behavior. Substantial threat to structures.
8/9	1502	AZ-FDC	Update: Reservoir Fire located at (34 33 26 x 111 10 57) ordering additional airtanker and lead plane.
8/9	1448	AZ-FDC	New start: Near Blue Ridge Reservoir, structures threatened. Ordering 2 airtankers.
8/9	1415	NM-ABC	Update: Main Fire requesting airtanker and lead plane.
8/9	1330	NM-ABC	Update: Main Fire 25+ acres, requesting Type 1 helicopter.
8/9	0850	NM-ABC	New start: Main Fire located approximately 1 mile from Manzano Tower, Kirkland Airforce Base.
8/9	0845	AZ-PDC	Update on Woodchute Fire, located 14 miles north of Prescott (34 43 5 x 112 9 36), 130 acres Hwy 89 heavily smoked in causing temporary closures and cautions.
8/9	0842	AZ-SDC	New starts reported on the Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Weimer Fire, 600-800 acres. PS Fire, 40-50 acres and Ryan Fire, located north of Crossing Fire, no report on size.
8/9	0840	NM-SWC	Moderate initial attack activity yesterday, 35 fires for 1,338 acres.
8/8	1815	NM-TDC	Update: Cabresto Mesa Fire - will transition to T3 IMT, Archuleta @ 2000. Fire is estimated at 100 acres. Over 10 fire retardant drops were made today. There are currently no road closures in effect, however traffic is discouraged within the fire due to heavy suppression traffic.
8/8	0717	NM-SWC	5 Type 21A crews ordered from NICC for Large Fire Preparedness.
8/8	0717	NM-SWC	Light initial attack activity yesterday, 6 fires for 2,195 acres.
8/7	1750	NM-TDC	Update: Cabresto Mesa Fire - considering Type 3 organization to manage fire.
8/7	1650	AZ-SDC	Update: Crossing Fire , located north of Woods Canyon Lake (T12N, R13E, Sec 22). 100+ acres.
8/7	1645	AZ-SDC	New start: Crossing Fire on Apache-Sitgreaves, requesting airtanker. Powerlines threatened.
8/7	1640	NM-TDC	Update: Cabresto Fire, requesting another airtanker. Windy conditions with lots of advanced spotting. 3 additional gas/oil sites threatened.
8/7	1615	NM-TDC	Update: Cabresto Fire on Jicarilla Ranger District, 10-15 acres. Active fire burning in grass and oak. 3 gas/oil sites threatened, one site has been shut down.
8/7	1525	NM- TDC	New start: Cabresto, 17 miles southwest of Dulce, NM (36 47 52 x 107 17 43). Airtanker and air attack on order.
8/7	1445	AZ-PHC	Tanker 48 order for the Rim Fire.
8/7	0900	NM-SWC	Light initial attack activity yesterday, 21 fires for 1,742 acres. Red Flag Warning issued for Northeast AZ (FLG).
8/6	1450	NM-SWC	Phoenix Dispatch Center and Show Low Dispatch Center telephones are now operational.
8/6	1100	AZ-SDC	Show Low Dispatch center is experiencing telephone problems. Unable to receive or place calls.
8/6	0945	AZ-PHC	Phoenix Dispatch Center is having issues with their telephones. You can reach them at 480-279-6063 or 480-279-3967.
8/6	0850	NM-SWC	Miscellaneous overhead being order for Alaska, California and the Northwest.
8/6	0850	NM-SWC	Light initial attack activity for yesterday, 16 fires for 6,228 acres. Red Flag Warnings issued for Northwest AZ (VEF), Northeast AZ (FLG) and Southwest AZ (PSR).
8/5	1530	AZ-COP	New start: Faraway, Coronado National Monument, Tanker 48 diverted from Lake Fire.
8/5	0930	NM-SWC	Light initial attack activity for yesterday, 14 fires for 1,467 acres. Red Flag Warnings issued for Northwest AZ (VEF) and Northeast AZ (FLG).
8/4	1828	NM-NMS	New start: Black Butte, located near Bosque del Apache. 400 acres burning in grass. 3 engines, fuels crew and miscellaneous overhead on scene.
8/4	1700	NM-SWC	The SWA has bumped to Preparedness Level 3.
8/4	1340	AZ-SCA	Update: Kidde fire started yesterday. No resources on fire.

8/4	1300	NM-SWC	Tanker 10 being diverted to Radar Fire on the Gila NF. Will reload out of Silver City. Requesting airtanker from NICC for Rim Fire.
8/4	1225	NM-GNF	New start: Radar Fire, located 2 miles from FAA electronic site. 40 miles west/northwest of Silver City (33 01 08 x 108 55 35). Active, running in grass and pinyon. Requesting airtanker and lead plane.
8/4	1215	AZ-SCA	New start: Keed Fire, located southeast of Bear Canyon Fire, 30 acres. Bear Canyon resources responding.
8/4	1115	AZ-PHC	Tanker 10 responding to Rim Fire. Will reload out of Winslow. AFF for T-10 not working at this time.
8/4	0930	NM-SWC	Red Flag Warning issued for Northwest AZ (VEF).
8/4	0910	AZ-AZS	Update: Lime Peak Fire, 600 acres.
8/4	0910	NM-SWC	Cowie's Type 2 Team mobilized to Hard Luck Creek Fire, AK-FAS.
8/4	0910	NM-SWC	Moderate activity reported for yesterday, 33 fires for 3,088 acres.
8/3	1445	AZ-AZS	New start: Lime Peak, located 23 miles northeast of Benson (35 05 04 x 110 09 11) 400+ acres.
8/3	1000	NM-SWC	National Preparedness Level bumped to 3 effective July 30.
8/3	0845	NM-SWC	Red Flag Warning issued for Northwest AZ (VEF).
8/3	0845	NM-SWC	Activity has picked up with new fire reports. IA activity reported for yesterday, 8 fires for 623 acres.
8/3	0845	AZ-KNF	Ridge Fire reported at 385 acres.
8/2	1715	AZ-COF	New start: Dude Lake Fire north of Rim Fire. 15 acres, active fire behavior.
8/2	1650	AZ-CNF	New start: Jesus Fire on Mt. Graham, airtanker on order.
8/2	1630	AZ-KNF	Ridge Fire, 20+ acres active fire behavior with running and spotting. Hwy 89 has been closed. 4 SEATS ordered out of Cedar City and Color Country.
8/2	1415	AZ-KNF	New start: Ridge Fire on the North Rim. Location of fire is (36 46 53 x 112 16 25). Ordering 2 airtankers, lead plane and crews.
8/2	1330	AZ-CNF	New start in the Dagoon Mountains, local resources responding.
8/2	0835	NM-SWC	No new large fire starts reported this morning. Light activity reported for yesterday, 4 fires for 1,935 acres.
8/1	1800	NM-SWC	McBrattney/Hall Wildland Fire Management Team ordered for Olympic National Park, WA.
8/1	0915	NM-SWC	No new large fire starts reported this morning. Light activity reported for yesterday, 5 fires for 870 acres.

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